NAPFTDS Board of Directors

Notice of Election – 2027

The National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools (NAPFTDS) hereby provides formal notice to all members that elections for the NAPFTDS Board of Directors will be held during the 2027 NAPFTDS Annual Conference, which will take place in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Donnie Tulk will move to Immediate Past President.

Dan Zdrojewski will move to President.

The following Board positions will be up for election:

- **Vice President/Full Member Position** - 2-year Vice President term (concurrent with the President per Article VII, Section 3). Must be a Full Member and will be elected by vote of the membership.
- **Two Full Member Director Positions** - 3-year terms (expiring March 2030)
    - Expiring seats currently held by Missy Blair, John Thorpe (Interim), and Michael Kuebler(Interim)
    - Elected by the vote of the membership (Full, Carrier, and Industry Members) per Article VI,Section 3.
- One Carrier Partner Board Member – 3-year term (expiring March 2030). Elected by vote of the membership per Article VI, Section 4.
- One Industry Partner Board Member– 3-year term (expiring March 2030). Elected by vote of the membership per Article VI, Section 6.
- **One Government Member Board Member-** 3-year term (expiring March 2030). Elected by vote of the membership per Article VI, Section 6. (Note: Per Article VI, Section 6 Proviso, if no Government Member meeting the 1-year active membership requirement stands for election, this seat shall be filled by Presidential appointment of a Full Member until the next annual meeting).

Newly elected and re-elected Directors will officially take office at the second Board of Directors meeting held during the 2027 Annual Conference.

The NAPFTDS Conference/Nominating Committee is responsible for soliciting and reviewing recommendations for candidates. Directors will be elected by vote during the Annual Conference.

Voting members must be in good standing. To be eligible for consideration as a candidate, the candidate's organization must be current on all membership dues and must have a NAPFTDS member for a minimum of one year.

Board Member Responsibilities

Members of the NAPFTDS Board of Directors are expected to actively participate in the work of the Association. Board members are required to attend:

- NAPFTDS Annual Conferences and Regional Conferences
- Board of Directors meetings held during conferences
- A Board Retreat, if scheduled, and
- Regularly scheduled Board conference calls. Typically, 11-13 conference call meetings are held each year, generally on the second Wednesday of each month.

Board members are responsible for all costs associated with attending NAPFTDS functions.

All members of the Board of Directors are eligible to serve as chairpersons of NAPFTDS committees. Individuals seeking election to the Board should be prepared to dedicate the time and effort necessary to actively fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position.

How To Apply

If you are interested in being considered by the NAPFTDS Conference/Nominating Committee as a candidate for the NAPFTDS Board of Directors please submit your Applicant Statement to the NAPFTDS Office via email cmoffet@napftds.org, or by mail to: 11511 W. Bekemeyer, Wichita, KS 67212.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please feel free to contact the Chairman of the Conference/Nominating Committee Martin Garsee, office 713-718-8203, mobile 713-304-8324 or email martin.garsee@hccs.edu.

All submissions must be received no later than January 29, 2027.

Request for Nominations

No less than two months before the conference at which an election of Directors is to take place, the Nominating Committee shall distribute a Notice of Vacancies to all members of the Association.

Members interested in serving on the Board of Directors must comply with *Article VI Section 2, 3 & 4* of the Association Bylaws. Members interested are responsible for contacting the NAPFTDS office (316-425-3297 or cmoffet@napftds.org) to inform the Association of their interest. The NAPFTDS office shall then forward to the interested member an "Applicant Statement". **The member shall return the completed Applicant Statement to the NAPFTDS office no later than January 29, 2027.** NAPFTDS Staff shall forward all "Applicant Statements" to the members of the Conference/Nominating Committee and shall publish it to all NAPFTDS members one month before the convention.

ARTICLE VI -BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Conduct of Business Affairs: The Board of Directors shall conduct the business affairs of the Association.

Section 2. Composition of the Board: The total number of members of the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Directors") shall be twenty-one (21), comprised of the following: (a) eleven (11) Full Members, (b) one (1) Government Member, (c) three (3) Carrier Members, (d) three (3) Industry Partner Members, (e) the current Executive Director, (f) the Immediate Past President, and (g) one (1) Commercial Vehicle Training Association representative. The Association shall strive to ensure that the composition of the Board reflects a diverse range of perspectives, backgrounds, and professional expertise.

Section 3. Election of Full Members: At the annual meeting of the Members, vacant Full Member positions on the Board of Directors shall be filled by qualified Full Members upon being elected by a vote of the Members. The election shall be conducted by presenting the full slate of candidates to the Members, who shall each be given the opportunity to vote for the number of candidates equal to the number of vacant Full Member positions. The candidates, in such number as is equal to the number of vacant Full Member positions, receiving the most votes shall be elected to the Board of Directors. Except as provided in these Bylaws, such Directors shall serve for terms of three (3) years.

Section 4. Election of Carrier Partner Members: At the annual meeting of the Members, vacant Board positions reserved for the Carrier Partner class shall be filled by qualified Carrier Partners upon being elected by a vote of the Members. The election shall be conducted by presenting the slate of Carrier Partner candidates to the Members, who shall each be given the opportunity to vote for the number of candidates equal to the three (3) reserved Carrier Partner positions. The candidates, in such number as is equal to the number of vacant positions, receiving the most votes shall be elected to the Board of Directors. Except as provided in these Bylaws, such Directors shall serve for terms of three (3) years.

Section 5. Election of Industry Partner Members: At the annual meeting of the Members, vacant Board positions reserved for the Industry Partner class shall be filled by qualified Industry Partners upon being elected by a vote of the Members. The election shall be conducted by presenting the slate of Industry Partner candidates to the Members, who shall each be given the opportunity to vote for the number of candidates equal to the three (3) reserved Industry Partner positions. The candidates, in such number as is equal to the number of vacant

positions, receiving the most votes shall be elected to the Board of Directors. Except as provided in these Bylaws, such Directors shall serve for terms of three (3) years.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition and Eligibility: The Executive Board of the Association (the "Executive Board") shall consist of the current Officers of the Association defined as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President and the Executive Director. With the exception of the Executive Director, the Officers must be voting directors.

Section 2. President: The term of the President shall be two (2) years. The position of President shall be an unpaid position. The President or the President's designee shall preside over all annual, regular, and special meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association. **Section 3.** Vice President: The term of the Vice President shall be two (2) years and shall run concurrently with the President's term. The position of Vice President shall be an unpaid position. Election for a new Vice President shall take place every two (2) years. At the end of the President's and Vice President's two-year term, or sooner if the office of the President is vacated for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the office of President.

For full Bylaws: https://napftds.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/BYLAWS_NAPFTDS_July_1_2026.pdf

Conference/Nominating Committee Candidate Telephone Follow-up

After the Conference/Nomination Committee has received applications for nominations from membership the Committee shall conduct a follow-up phone call to prospective candidates prior to the conference at which the election is to be held, explaining the responsibilities and commitment of a Board member.

Procedure at Conference

Each candidate shall be permitted to make a statement to the members, not to exceed two minutes. If candidate is not present at the conference a short bio will be provided. Following the presentations by candidates for the Board of Directors, the Conference/Nominating Committee shall conduct a vote.

Balloting

Ballots shall be prepared prior to the annual Conference by the Board Administrative Assistant. All members of the Association present at the conference shall be entitled to cast one ballot per Full or Associate members. **Absentee Balloting is also permitted. There will be an absentee ballot available on the NAPFTDS Website after February 15, 2027. All absentee votes must be in the NAPFTDS office by EOB on February 26, 2027.** The ballots shall be counted by the Conference/Nominating Committee (2 Board members) with the assistance of the NAPFTDS Board administrative assistant. The results of the balloting shall be announced during the conference.

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NAPFTDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

***Applying for*:**

___ Vice President
___ Full Board Member

___ Industry Partner Board Member
___ Carrier Partner Board Member
___ Government Board Member

Applicant Statement

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Member Organization: _____

Membership Type (Full, Carrier, Industry, Government Partner): _____

Applicant History

1. How many years of experience do you have in the technical education field/transportation industry?

2. List all NAPFTDS activities in which you have participated and committees on which you have served.

3. List other trade association experience (e.g. state trucking associations, etc).

Statement of Goals and Objectives

In a few paragraphs, please state your reason(s) for joining NAPFTDS; your reason(s) for wanting to serve on the NAPFTDS Board of Directors; your vision for the future direction of NAPFTDS and the reason(s) that you believe that you can help NAPFTDS realize that vision.

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